

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1. (original) Medical clothing for a patient, comprising a gown formed with two arm apertures and an open front portion which defines two leaves, which gown is arranged to close around the patient's torso by overlapping of the respective leaves, and means for fastening the respective sides in an overlapped position.
2. (original) Clothing as claimed in claim 1 wherein the fastening means comprises one or more Velcro pad pairs and/or press stud pairs.
3. (original) Clothing as claimed in claim 2 wherein one pad of a pair is carried on an outer surface of one leaf and the corresponding other pad of the pair is carried on an inner surface of the other leaf, and wherein the said one pad is spaced apart from a side edge of the leaf, thereby to provide an overlap of leaves when the pads are engaged.
4. (currently amended) Clothing as claimed in ~~any preceding~~ claim 1 wherein each arm aperture is provided with releasable fastening means for reducing or enlarging the extent of the arm aperture.
5. (original) Clothing as claimed in claim 4 wherein the arm aperture fastening means is located in an under-arm portion of the arm aperture.
6. (currently amended) Clothing as claimed in claim 4 ~~or claim 5~~ wherein the fastening means comprises two or more releasable fasteners for each arm aperture, thereby providing three or more aperture widths according to whether none, one or more of the fasteners are fastened or released.
7. (currently amended) Clothing as claimed in ~~any of claims 4 to 6~~ claim 4 wherein the releasable fastening means comprises one or more Velcro-type pads pairs and/or press stud pairs.

8. (currently amended) Clothing as claimed in ~~any preceding claims~~ claim 1 wherein the means for overlapped fastening comprises, or further comprises a waist band.
9. (original) Medical clothing for the lower body of a patient, which clothing is configured as a pair of short or long trousers having a waist portion and two leg portions, which trousers are provided with a releasably fastenable access cut which extends from the waist portion to an end of one leg portion, thereby permitting access to the covered portion of the patient's abdomen and corresponding leg by unfastening of the cut.
10. (original) Clothing as claimed in claim 9 wherein there is a second releasably fastenable access cut which extends from the waist portion to an end portion of the other leg portion of the trousers, thereby permitting access to the covered portion of the patient's abdomen and corresponding other leg through the cut by unfastening of the second cut.
11. (currently amended) Clothing as claimed in claim 9 ~~or claim 10~~ wherein the access cut or cuts are located on a front region of the trousers.
12. (original) Clothing as claimed in claim 11 wherein the first and second cuts are disposed side by side to define an access panel which extends from a front region of the waist band to a gusset of the trousers.
13. (currently amended) Clothing as claimed in claim ~~10~~ 9 wherein an upper waist portion of the panel is provided with a waist tie, permitting tightening of the waist band to suit a patient's waist size.
14. (currently amended) Clothing as claimed in ~~any of claims 9 to 13~~ claim 9 and configured in leg length as a pair of short trousers.
15. (currently amended) Clothing as claimed in ~~any of claims 9 to 14~~ claim 9 wherein the cut or cuts are each rendered releasably fastenable by means of at least one Velcro type fastener and/or at least one press stud pairs.

16. (original) Clothing as claimed in claim 9 wherein the fastener or a series of fasteners are elongate and extends substantially the entire length of the cut.

17. (currently amended) Clothing as claimed in ~~any preceding~~ claim 1 and formed from a breathable polymer felt material and intended for single use before disposal.

18. (currently amended) Clothing as claimed in ~~any of claims 1 to 16~~ claim 1, formed from cotton or polyester cotton blend and intended for re-use..

19. (currently amended) Clothing as claimed in ~~any preceding~~ claim 1 and packaged in an hermetically sealed enclosure.

20. (currently amended) Clothing as claimed in ~~any preceding~~ claim 1 which is packaged in an hermetically sealed enclosure and wherein the clothing has been sterilised.

21. (original) Clothing as claimed in claim 20 wherein the sterilization is by use of ethylene oxide or gamma source radiation.

22. (currently amended) Clothing as claimed in ~~any preceding~~ claim 1 and packaged with instructions or labelling indicating disposal after use.

23. (currently amended) A medical clothing combination comprising a packaged gown as ~~previously claimed~~ formed with two arm apertures and an open front portion which defines two leaves, which gown is arranged to close around the patient's torso by overlapping of the respective leaves, and means for fastening the respective sides in an overlapped position and a pair of trousers as previously claimed in claim 9.

24. (new) Clothing as claimed in claim 9 and formed from a breathable polymer felt material and intended for single use before disposal.

25. (new) Clothing as claimed in claim 9, formed from cotton or polyester cotton blend and intended for re-use.

26. (new) Clothing as claimed in claim 9 and packaged in an hermetically sealed enclosure.

27. (new) Clothing as claimed in claim 9 which is packaged in an hermetically sealed enclosure and wherein the clothing has been sterilized.

28. (new) Clothing as claimed in claim 9 wherein the sterilization is by use of ethylene oxide or gamma source radiation.

29. (new) Clothing as claimed in claim 9 and packaged with instructions or labelling indicating disposal after use.